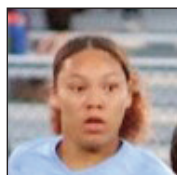


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Audience Learns the Origins Of the Real Texas Juneteenth

by Leeann Irwin

Interspersing facts and history with anecdotal personal stories, speaker Reynaud “Rey” Smith mesmerized the audience at his lecture on Tuesday, June 13 at the Community Center as he explained the origins of the real Juneteenth in Comanche Crossing, Texas. Slavery was practiced only in the agricultural eastern section of Texas; the rest of Texas was extremely barren. Slavery in Texas grew from 58,000 enslaved people in 1850 to 183,000 in 1860, and peaked at 250,000 in 1865. June 19, 1865 is the date a Union general marched into Galveston, 200 miles to the southeast of Comanche Crossing, and announced that all the enslaved Blacks in Texas were free.

Smith grew up in this small town of Comanche Crossing and remembers the great commemorations of Juneteenth from childhood. People prepared special foods for huge gatherings. Family members returned from other parts of the country to remember the emancipation of enslaved Af-

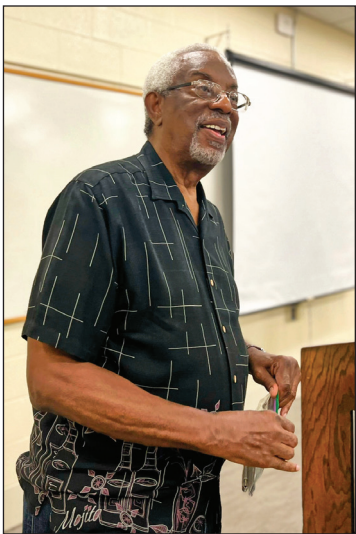


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Reynaud Smith relates the history of Juneteenth.

ricans. Meanwhile, July 4th was just a day on the calendar. When Smith was 10 he looked around a Juneteenth gathering and had a revelation – there was a relative in her 90s who was old enough to have been enslaved.

Photos of early Juneteenth commemorations included a

church because the events always began with a church service with people dressed in their formal attire. They were somewhat solemn, commemorating what people had gone through. Despite future problems former enslaved people faced in Texas, Juneteenth represented “Real Freedom,” said Smith. The original symbolic date of June 19th was not so much festive as religious, solemn, dignified and serious.

Today Comanche Crossing has an Emancipation Park with a beautiful huge sign as the audience at the lecture saw in a slide. The park was established in the late 19th century when formerly enslaved people bought the land to gather for Juneteenth. People continue to gather, with red being the color of the day, many drinking cans of Big Red.

Smith’s own family migrated from Texas to Oklahoma and California. As freed African Americans from Texas migrated to other parts of the country, they brought the Juneteenth commemorations with them. Oklahoma, Louisiana and California cities including San Diego, Los Angeles

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CDC Graphs Show Continued Drop in Covid-19 Admissions

by Cathie Meetre

It has been a while since the News Review published an article on Covid-19. For most people, it feels like the emergency is over – and that’s true to some extent. In fact, death data for the U.S. in recent weeks show the lowest number of Covid-related deaths, 203, since data began to be kept in March 2020. This follows a precipitous decline in hospitalizations and deaths in the last few months after a small uptick in the first months of 2023. The last time the weekly mortality count nationally was below 200 was March 14, 2020, when it hit 60 on the way up – by the following week the toll had risen to 586 and was headed north at a gallop.

The highest U.S. death count of the pandemic was in the week of January 9, 2021, at 25,974. Dark days indeed.

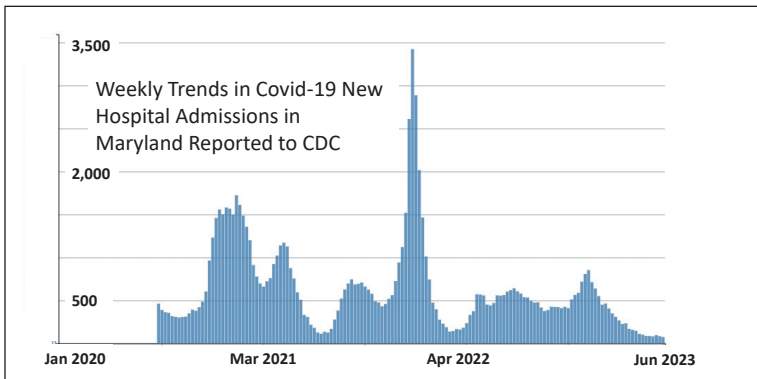
Johns Hopkins discontinued its tracking of worldwide data in March of this year. The count at

that time is frozen like a memorial on their website. Worldwide, 676,609,955 cases and 6,811,955 deaths – and that is almost certainly an underestimate. Local weekly data by ZIP Code is no longer available on the Maryland and Prince George’s County websites.

Echoes Remain

Despite the decline in cases, repercussions continue to reverberate. School-age children took a big hit – rates of truancy remain high with older students and test scores are still lagging. The isolation of small children prevented their exposure to normal infections when they should have experienced them, and now some have life-threatening consequences as these infections take a more drastic course than they would have if contracted earlier. Long Covid continues to deplete

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Greenbelt Readies for July Fourth Day of Festivities

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

As Greenbelt prepares to celebrate July Fourth, Public Works, especially, is busily preparing. This year the festivities at Buddy Attick Park will include a Greenbelt Museum art activity from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., a community drum circle from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., a performance from the Greenbelt Concert Band from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the much-anticipated fireworks display at 9 p.m. Brian Townsend, assistant director of operations with Public Works, says the department has been preparing for the day for a while. Some contracts are even signed a year in advance. It takes a huge amount of work, explains Townsend, who says that the administrative work began as early as August and the heavy lifting



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Community members enjoy the fireworks display at the Lake in 2016.

and physical work has been gearing up for a month.

Townsend says they don’t have a record of the number of attendees at past events. Though last year drew a substantial crowd, he estimates it wasn’t as robust as pre-Covid. This year

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Basketball Star Penny Greene Revisits His Greenbelt Roots

by Edith J. Beauchamp

Pennington Greene, a former Greenbelter, collegiate basketball star and national record-setter in his day, who was recruited to play for the Atlanta Hawks in the NBA after college, returned to his roots on Saturday, June 24 to host a well-received panel at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). The event was sponsored by the HumanitiesDC (formerly known as the Humanities Council of Washington, D.C.)

What Goes On

Monday, July 3
No City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 4
Fourth of July Holiday: City Offices Closed
Wednesday, July 6
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Forest Preserve Advisory Board – Greenbelt Forest Preserve Master Trail Plan, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

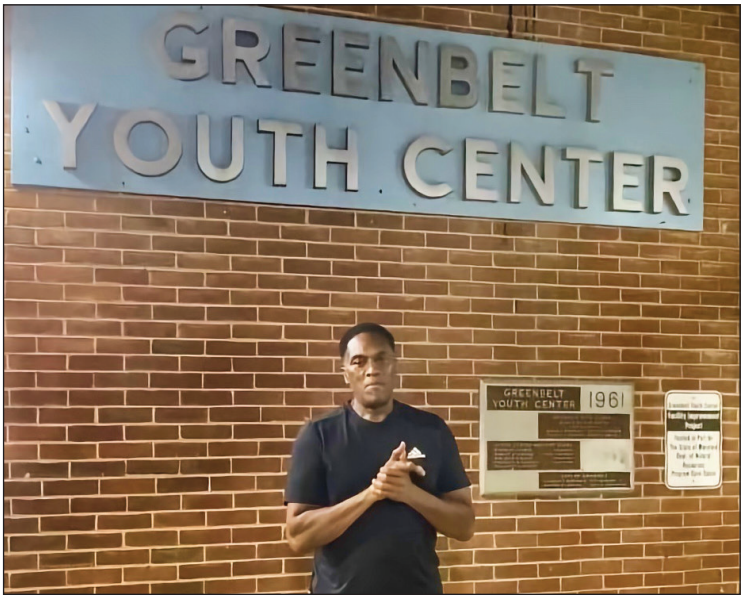


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Penny Greene stops by the Greenbelt Youth Center, where he used to spend many hours after school, to visit and reminisce.

and others. He reviewed highlights from a forthcoming documentary he is producing on the history of Blacks in basketball. Greene’s oral history project, with hundreds of hours of video interviews conducted with some of the greats of basketball, begins as early as 1904 with the contributions of Edwin B. Henderson of D.C., who is credited with

“building the infrastructure for Blacks to participate in organized sports by training officials and forming leagues.” Henderson was honored with the dedication of a statue of him at UDC, also on Saturday.

Greene credits his mother with changing the trajectory of his life

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks to Community

On behalf of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Woodlands Committee, I would like to thank the community for responding so generously to our recent drive to collect used plant pots and flats. Thanks to your help, our volunteers are growing thousands of native wildflowers, grasses, sedges, groundcovers and shrubs from seed and cuttings.

Although our pot and flat collection drive at the Co-op has ended, you are welcome to bring both flats and pint-size and smaller nursery pots to the collection area near 10 Court Laurel Hill Road.

The native plants grown by Woodlands Committee volunteers will serve as essential nurseries for insects, provide nutritious food and safe shelter for nesting birds and manage stormwater in GHI’s common spaces. Volunteers who would like to get in on the fun of growing are welcome to contact the Woodlands Committee plant nursery by emailing SowingStrength2@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your generous donations!

Ben Fischler

Bag Bills Differ

City council recently passed Ordinance 1389, which bans plastic bags and instructs businesses to charge \$0.10 per paper bag. The county council also recently passed CB-32-2023, also known as the Better Bag Bill. Both the county bill and city ordinance ostensibly have the same goal; it even appears as though Mayor Pro Tem Kristen Weaver lifted

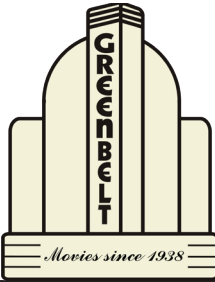
a lot of language for Ordinance 1389 directly from CB-32-2023.

Unfortunately, the city ordinance does have subtle differences as compared with the county bill. As a result, local businesses will have to retain legal counsel to figure out how they can comply with these competing bills. Additionally, businesses with Greenbelt and non-Greenbelt locations may have to have separate point-of-sale systems if there is a bag exception in the county bill that is outlawed by the city ordinance. In other words, by rushing forward with a slightly different bill, city council has again showed itself to be anti-business and increased the cost of doing business in our great city as compared with other cities in the county.

The responsible course of action would be to repeal the ordinance to ease immediate compliance for local businesses and then to engage in better research and investigation to determine whether a narrower ordinance than the county’s Better Bag Bill is warranted. Of course, this would require the incumbent councilmembers to admit they made a mistake, which in my experience is unlikely, if not impossible. It’s not mysterious as to why local businesses keep choosing to set up shop in cities other than Greenbelt.

Alexander Zajac

Editor’s note: When Ordinance 1389 was passed, Mayor Emmett Jordan stated that council could revise the ordinance to be consistent with the county legislation for precisely the reason Zajac mentions.



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Asteroid City (PG-13) (CC)
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Sun. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Mon. 3:45 PM, 6:00 PM
Tues. 6:30 PM
Wed. 6:30 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

Easter Parade (NR) (1948)
(103 mins)
Free Monday Matinee!
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

Shrek (PG) (2001) (89 mins)
Free School's Out screening!
Thurs. 1:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Past Lives (PG-13) (CC)
(DVS) (2023) (106 mins)

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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Asteroid City

In this Wes Anderson film, the itinerary of a Junior Stargazer/Space Cadet convention (organized to bring together students and parents from across the country for fellowship and scholarly competition) is spectacularly disrupted by world-changing events. Starring Jason Schwartzman, Scarlett Johansson, Tom Hanks, Jeffrey Wright, Tilda Swinton and Bryan Cranston. Said critic Katie Walsh of the Tribune News Service, “Anderson hasn’t just delivered his best film in years, he’s also managed to capture the zeitgeist in his own unique way.”

Past Lives

Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrest apart after Nora’s family emigrates from South Korea. Two decades later, they are reunited in New York for one fateful week as they confront notions of destiny, love and the choices that make a life, in this heartrending modern romance. “It’s a film full of quiet magic; of the power of words not spoken, and the enduring strength of love,” said critic Moira MacDonald of the Seattle Times.

Easter Parade

When his partner leaves him, a vaudeville star trains an untried performer to take her place, finding love in the process. The film stars Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, Peter Lawford and Ann Miller and contains some of Astaire’s and Garland’s best-known songs, including Easter Parade, Steppin’ Out with My Baby, and We’re a Couple of Swells, all by Irving Berlin. A critical and commercial success, Easter Parade was the highest-grossing musical film of 1948 and the second-highest grossing MGM musical of the 1940s, after Meet Me in St. Louis.

Shrek

Once upon a time, in a far-away swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek (Mike Myers) whose precious solitude is suddenly shattered by an invasion of annoying fairy tale characters. They were all banished from their kingdom by the evil Lord Farquaad (John Lithgow). Determined to save their home – not to mention his – Shrek cuts a deal with Farquaad and sets out to rescue Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) to be Farquaad’s bride. Rescuing the Princess may be small compared to her deep, dark secret.

Community Events

Golden Age July Schedule

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Community Center. Visitors are always welcome.

July 5, Business meeting
July 12, Barbara Hopkins presentation on genealogy
July 19, Celebrate July birthdays and bring lunch
July 26, BINGO



At the Library

All county libraries will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

Regular hours at the Greenbelt Library are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Greenbelt Library’s schedule are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Summer Prince George’s

Prince George’s County’s summer reading and community engagement program, Summer Prince George’s (SPG), offers new opportunities for Prince Georgians to learn, socialize and engage with neighbors. Presented by PGCMLS and the Washington Nationals, SPG 2023 celebrates the national summer reading theme of All Together Now and invites Prince Georgians of all ages to connect across generations and communities by reading, attending library or partner events (in-person or virtually), visiting neighborhood branch libraries and engaging with library resources, whether streaming movies and music or taking LinkedIn Learning classes.

Storytimes

Friday, June 30, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8555432.

Monday, July 3, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8555379.

Greenbelt MultiFaith Contemplatives

Greenbelt MultiFaith Contemplatives meeting will be held Monday, July 3 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Time will be spent exploring a combination of Visio Divina and Lectio Divina on Hafiz’s poem The Sun Never Says. Email Mike Brown at michael_j_brown1@msn.com for more information.

MakerSpace Seeks Volunteer Staffers

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is seeking volunteers to staff the tool library and organize classes and other events. People are asking for more open hours (currently only Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon). Your help is needed for us to expand. Come to a drop-in training session on Saturday, July 1 from 10 a.m. to noon. Sign up for shifts at signup.com/go/UNkLnqk or email staff@make125.org if interested in other times or jobs.

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is down the outside stairs on the west side of the Granite Building at 115 Centerway.

Musicians Needed For Community Orchestra

A community orchestra is starting in Greenbelt in July. There is still room for more violins, violas, double basses, and some other instruments. For more information, contact Anne Gardner at annegreenbelt@gmail.com or visit GreenbeltOrchestra.org.

Wednesday Lunch At the New Deal Café

Telecommuters, retirees and all others are invited each Wednesday this summer for lunch at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway. Interested in meeting new people, building community and supporting your Café? Join us from noon to 1 p.m.

For questions contact rspeterson1@gmail.com.

Three Sisters Garden Floral Photography



PHOTO BY EFFIE LEVNER

A photo of flowers among the flowers

All are invited to visit and enjoy the Floral Photography exhibit at the Three Sisters Garden in Schrom Hills Park. It is a self-guided tour throughout the day. Feedback and comments are appreciated. Send them to Effielevner@aol.com.

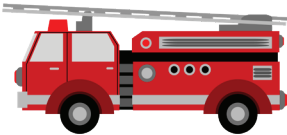
Upcoming Poetry in the Garden meetings will be on Sundays, July 9, August 6 and September 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. All meetings take place in the garden if weather permits. Otherwise they will be at the clubhouse in the park.

Fire Department Hosts Craft Fair on July 22

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and its Ladies Auxiliary invites the community to Be Jolly in July with a vendor show at the firehouse on Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come find handcrafted items, decorations, gifts, crafts and more. Food and drinks will be sold.

Contact Kim Lewis at 240-304-8776 or firemama_35@msn.com for vendor space information.



Meditation Classes Offered via Zoom

Do you sometimes pressure yourself to do more, do it more quickly or feel you aren’t doing it well enough? Having trouble falling asleep, having stress-related problems or find yourself feeling anxious? Ever wondered what meditation is about and how it might be beneficial for you?

Katrina Boverman, a longtime meditation instructor with the SAGE program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood have quietly offered Summer Guided Meditation classes to Greenbelters and others for the past eight years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom to attend from the comfort of home.

Attendees have expressed quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and in between the classes. Common experiences outside of the class for participants have been to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

Classes started on June 5 and will be held every other Monday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. through August 28. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

For more information email Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or call 301-641-1035.

Chess Club Meets

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Monday, July 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the New Deal Café. The group meets on the second, third and fourth Mondays of each month.

This group is for all ages and skill levels. For more information, call Effie at 443-415-1053.

Free Veteran Lifetime National Park Passes



PHOTO COURTESY NPS

A park pass

Greenbelt Park rangers will be at the American Legion Post 136 located at 6900 Greenbelt Road on Sunday, July 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. to hand out free Veteran Lifetime National Park passes to all veterans.

The National Park Service offers free Veterans Lifetime passes as well as Access passes for disabled veterans in order to show appreciation for the sacrifice and service of those who have served in the military.

The lifetime veteran passes and access passes are also available at the Greenbelt Park ranger station near the campground. For more information, call 301-344-3944.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Community Center beginning at 11 a.m. Meals must be reserved one week ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

Français, s’il vous plaît: French at the Café

A French conversation group will meet at the New Deal Café on Thursdays at 7 p.m. starting on June 29. All levels and ages welcome.

Book and Lyrics
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Adrian Mitchell

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Music Direction by Christine Wells
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Kim’s Grand-Rounds: A Songwriter’s Circle 7-9pm Talented songwriters performing their songs	Chaotic Behavior 8-11pm Fusion of pop, hip hop, and R&B for a high-energy sound	Community Drum Circle w/ Katy Gaughan* 3:30-5pm The Skyla Burrell Band 8-11pm Full-tilt Boogie!	This Could Go BOOM! ARTIST SHOWCASE Special time: 5:30-8pm The best from local artists whose gender id’s have been underrepresented.	
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The Monday Mauveness Karaoke Night* 6-9pm Hosted by Mike Bennett	No Events ***Happy*** ****July**** ****4th!****	The Campfire Session 7-9pm A monthly “listening room” w/ local artists	Wolf’s Thursday Blues Show and Sit-In Jam Special time: 6:30-10p Sign up and jam!	Happy Hour 4-7pm \$1.00 off beer and wine

Join or renew your membership. Go to www.newdealcafe.com, click on “ABOUT”, then “BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW.”

***For more information on these events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.**

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THIS WEEK on GATe • Your Community Access Station
Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
Defending Utopia (2019)
Directed by local filmmaker Susan Gervasi, this film explores the history of Greenbelt’s own News Review, and its close ties with the community.
Music from the New Deal Cafe (2pm, 10pm)
Ayreheart
Join us for an acoustic evening of Renaissance music, from Grammy-nominated lutenist Ron McFarlane, along with fellow musicians Mattias Rucht, and Willard Morris!

All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video

No Kid Hungry Feeds Children over Summer

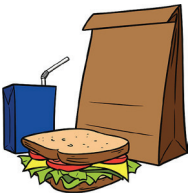
School is finally out for summer break and kids rejoice. For many children, though, the long summer months are the hungriest time of year. No Kid Hungry is working with schools and community organizations across the state to connect kids with the free summer meals they need to grow and thrive.

Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, located at 8950 Edmonston Road, is the only meal site in Greenbelt. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., from Monday, June 26 to Thursday, July 13.

During the school year, free and reduced-price school meals ensure that children have reliable access to nutritious food. However, when school is out for the summer those meals disappear.

“Kids shouldn’t have to spend the summer worrying about where their next meal is going to come from,” said Maryland No Kid Hungry Senior Manager Kara Panowitz. “Ensuring our children get nutritionally balanced meals throughout the summer months is critical to making sure they return to school in the fall healthy and ready to learn.”

Daily meals are provided at schools and community sites like parks, pools and libraries across Maryland. The healthy and balanced meals are provided free of charge to all children and teens 18 and under, no registration or proof of residency or citizenship needed. To find the nearest or most convenient meal site, parents and caregivers can visit MDSummerMeals.org, text the word FOOD (or COMIDA) to 304-304 or visit NoKidHungry.org/WhatsApp.



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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Mosquito Tip of the Week: Dunk 'Em to Stop 'Em

M o s - quitoes are flourishing in Greenbelt now, after the rain. But there is a simple way to get rid of mosquito larvae. And it is much easier, cheaper and more efficient to fight mosquito larvae than flying and biting adult mosquitoes.

Use Mosquito Bits and Mosquito Dunks as an easy, inexpensive, organic and EPA-approved way to eliminate mosquito larvae. Apply them wherever there is standing water, like your rain water barrels or plant saucers, or wherever the soil tends to get especially wet.

Both products are locally manufactured (in Baltimore) and are available at home improvement stores and online. Their main ingredient is a naturally occurring soil bacterium, which exclusively kills mosquito larvae and causes no harm to any other form of wildlife, pets, plants or human beings.

Follow the manufacturer’s instructions and use it wherever mosquitoes might breed on the property. Fewer mosquitoes mean less need for pesticides, and that’s better for everyone. To learn more, to support their work and to volunteer, email [GreenCAPS – Greenbelt Citizens Avoiding Pesticides](mailto:GreenCAPS@yaho.com), at GreenbeltGreenCAPS@yahoo.com.



Golden Age Club Members Hold Surprise Baby Shower

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Golden Agers surprised Amber Hall with a baby shower on Wednesday, June 14. Hall is Greenbelt’s therapeutic recreation supervisor (Senior and Inclusion Programs). In other words, she is the Golden Age Club contact for activities related to the city. Suze Marley and Robin Olson picked out many of the gifts and even made a flower crown for Hall. The club purchased onesies, PJ’s and gift cards. Several ladies and knitting groups contributed homemade items.

Of course, there was an It’s a Girl! cake and snacks for the occasion. Hall, who came to Greenbelt from



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Amber Hall shows her delight as the Golden Age Club throws her a surprise shower.

Mississippi, was excited to start planning for the baby and the baby’s room.



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For more information about the grants, visit the city website and search for micro grants. For support or assistance in applying, email Connecting Across Greenbelt at communityconnections gb@gmail.com by Monday, July 3.

City Notes

All Recreation and Arts camp and summer programs are underway. The Community Center conducted a fire drill and accommodated Volksmarchers, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Black History and Culture Committee, Greenwood Village and Unplugged.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted Family Fun Night and the first swim meet of the season, and began summer swim lessons.

Museum staff facilitated a Reparations Commission meeting, gave a tour to a Maryland state official and assisted a researcher looking at Greenbelt’s early gardens and allotment plots.

Therapeutic Recreation conducted meetings between parents and counselors about inclusion and camper assignments. Park Rangers provided support for several Black History Month events.

Sustainability/Environmental held a Pollinator Circle meeting and facilitated a Girl Scout’s project: an insect hotel at Schrom Hills Park. Horticulture/Parks delivered furnishings for two events. Refuse/Recycling collected 28.10 tons of refuse and 11.61 tons of recyclables, and provided heat exhaustion safety training for all workers.

Donate Sneakers For People in Need

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment.

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MEETINGS FOR JULY 3 - 7

Monday, June 3, **NO MEETING**

Wednesday, July 5 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD - GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE MASTER TRAIL PLAN**

Thursday, July 6 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/calendar.

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- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
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- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
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- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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CURRENT FREE CARES PROGRAMS

BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY HEALTH FAIR
August 22, 10 am - 3 pm
Sign-up required. Contact Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltnmd.gov

EMERGENCY DIAPER PROGRAM
Supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers. Greenbelt residents only, you must sign-up each month. Call (240) 542-2019.

AGING SOLO
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1 - 2:30 pm, Zoom
Aging Solo is a nationally awarded program that focuses on taking charge of your aging. Aging Solo will help you reflect on priorities, map out your support network, and put plans in place. To register please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/nSbh3DdHiYZZRfdL9>.

NURSERY PROJECT
September 19 - November 14
Services includes diapers, formula, wipes, and more. Contact Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or kfarzin@greenbeltnmd.gov.

NURSING PROJECT
Starts in mid September
Services include bathing assistance, medication management, and more. Contact Sharon Johnson at (240) 542-2029 or sjohnson@greenbeltnmd.gov.

MY GROCERIES TO GO

The Greenbelt Assisted in Living Program (GAIL) is piloting the My Groceries to Go program in partnership with the Maryland Department of Aging and the Capital Area Food Bank. Limited slots are available. Participants will receive a monthly grocery box if you are a Greenbelt senior resident, aged 60 and older, and meet the income eligibility requirement:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,580
2	\$2,137
3	\$2,694

To apply or learn more, please contact Brendy Garcia by phone at (240) 424-0302 or by email at bgarcia@greenbeltnmd.gov.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

JULY 20 TWO EVENTS/LOCATIONS

Community Center: 1 - 3 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 12 - 1:30 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only; must live in: Verde at Greenbelt Station, Greenbelt Station Master Association, Franklin Park, Motiva. Register by visiting <http://ow.ly/uGnV50OHgTN>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Volunteers are needed every third Thursday of the month at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center & the Greenbelt Community Center. Volunteers will assist with setting up tables, sorting and organizing fresh fruits and vegetables, and distributing them to families in need.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Volunteers - For information, contact Katherine Farzin (240) 524-2019. To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/AqNxCARjwioCntWf9>.

Greenbelt Community Center Volunteers - For more information, contact Flora Li (301) 412-2480.

JULY FOURTH FANFARE

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park:

- Bring a picnic
- Walk the lake trail
- Enjoy the playground
- Museum and Recreation art activity, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- Community Drum Circle, 5:30 - 6:45 pm
- Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- FIREWORKS approximately 9 pm

In case of inclement weather, please call the weather and information hotline at (301) 474-0646.

GREENBELT POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS GEARING UP FOR JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

Things to Know about Greenbelt’s Independence Day Celebration

The fireworks display will take place at Buddy Attick Lake Park, 555 Crescent Road, Monday evening, July 4th, at approximately 9 pm and last 20 to 30 minutes. A Greenbelt officer will be at the main gate in addition to having officers on foot patrol throughout the area. The Greenbelt Citizen Emergency Response Team will have a tent nearby, serving as a hydration station with cooling chairs, and provide limited first aid assistance.

Please note that alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed at Buddy Attick Park. Violators are subject to arrest. For safety and security reasons, people carrying coolers and packages into the park may have them inspected.

ALL forms of fireworks, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets, are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and throughout Prince George’s County. Anyone found in possession of fireworks will be subject to arrest. Penalties include fines up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

Traffic and Parking Concerns

The park is on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. Participants are reminded to observe all posted parking regulations. The parking lot is reserved for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly persons on board. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space. Temporary No Parking signs will be posted on streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas will be towed.

Traffic Control

Once the fireworks begin, there will be no inbound traffic allowed on Crescent Road from Kenilworth Avenue. When the fireworks are over, exiting traffic will be redirected outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Traffic from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until most cars have left the area. Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists heading for the Old Greenbelt area should take Greenbelt Road. These temporary changes in traffic patterns will be in place until the Traffic Supervisor determines that it is safe to resume normal traffic.

Calls for Information

For information in case of inclement weather, call the Greenbelt Recreation Weather and Information Hotline at (301) 474-0646. Do NOT call the police dispatcher for fireworks-related information. Police telephone lines must be kept open for emergencies or for other police-related concerns.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.
THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of July 3
Monday Route – Collected Monday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

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- Business Improvement Recovery Fund, Round III
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View all grant programs at a glance at www.engagegreenbelt.org/grants. View the most recently updated ARPA programs by visiting www.engagegreenbelt.org/updates. For all up-to-date ARPA program information including project selection, project updates, department information, and more, visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

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Townsend expects the crowd to be as large or larger than 2022. After all the hard work for one of the bigger events Public Works is involved in, Townsend says, “We want people to come out and have a good time.” As in any large crowd, one should be respectful of others, cognizant of their surroundings and use common sense, he advises. Visitors are invited to arrive early, bring a picnic, walk the lake trail and enjoy the playground.

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Parking

For those who live within walking distance and are able to walk, it is best to head to the park on foot. The parking lot at the lake will be reserved for disabled and elderly visitors, who must be on board the vehicle that is parking. Other vehicles will have to utilize street parking nearby. Regular parking signs should be observed and, in addition, temporary No Parking signs will be posted on streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas should expect to be towed.

Safety, Security

A Greenbelt officer will be at the main entrance to Buddy Attick Park, with additional officers on foot throughout the area. The city reminds visitors that alcoholic beverages are not allowed within Buddy Attick Park and violators are subject to arrest. Outside food and non-alcoholic beverages are welcome but for safety and security reasons, peo-

ple carrying coolers and packages into the park may need to have them inspected.

Fireworks, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and throughout Prince George’s County. Possession is an arrestable offense and penalties include fines up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

First Aid Available

The Greenbelt Citizen Emergency Response Team will have a tent nearby, serving as a hydration station with cooling chairs and providing limited first aid assistance.

Worried about the weather? Call the weather and information hotline at 301-474-0646 for updates. Greenbelt Police Department asks people to not call the police dispatcher for fireworks-related information. Police telephone lines must be kept open for emergencies and other police-related concerns.



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its victims. Shopping online burgeons and stores disappear. Commercial office rentals continue to have high vacancy rates as workers cling to telecommuting.

One imagines that, like the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918, the echoes of Covid will reverberate perhaps for decades.

The CDC’s message remains strong that vaccines offer protection from the virus – and especially so for older Americans. The more doses and the more recently they were received the better.

Is it Over?

Just like the flu isn’t over, so

WMATA Updates Council On Bus Network Redesign

by Deanna Dawson

William Jones, a program manager with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), met with the Greenbelt City Council in a worksession on June 7 to report on WMATA’s Better Bus Network Redesign. The redesign aims to review and revamp the entire bus network to make it faster, more frequent and reliable and easier to understand.

Jones gave a slideshow about the effort, taking questions from council during the presentation and from council and residents afterward. The network redesign is one component of the Better Bus initiative, which is also considering improvements to facilities and bus stops, priority lanes and signals and building a zero-emissions fleet by 2040. The redesign represents the first comprehensive evaluation of the Metrobus network in its 50-year history.

The project aims to rethink, redesign and revitalize bus service to meet changing needs. The Washington metropolitan region

has grown and travel patterns have changed, especially during and since the pandemic, and WMATA needs to realign service with where customers want to go and when they want to travel. WMATA is partnering with other local transit agencies that operate within the area served by Metrobus, including the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation, which operates TheBus.

The redesign project started last summer, with WMATA requesting input from the public and bus operators and reviewing available data on population density and travel patterns. By December the project team had developed goals and objectives: regional connectivity; match when and where residents want to travel; provide quality customer and operator experience by providing fast, frequent and reliable service; and address inequities and increase bus access to disenfranchised communities. WMATA hopes the changes will increase the number of bus trips taken on weekdays by 40,000 to 45,000 and on weekends by 30,000 to reduce single-occupant car trips and vehicle emissions. The team resolved that service should operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with intervals between buses no more than 30 minutes.

Draft Visionary Network

With those goals and criteria, the team developed a draft visionary network, which was released on April 17. They estimate that 103,000 and 190,000 more Maryland residents will have bus service on Saturdays and Sundays, respectively, and 371,000 Maryland residents will have 24-hour bus service. Ninety-nine percent of residents who currently have bus service will

continue to have bus service, but improvements will be greater for residents of equity-focus communities.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Metrobus and make the public aware of the network redesign, WMATA conducted a series of public events over the past two months: five workshops, four webinars, 34 ride-alongs and 18 pop-up sessions, including one at Greenbelt Station in early May. The public comment period closed on June 18, but there will be additional opportunities in Phase Three, which has just begun.

Proposed Greenbelt Routes

Under the redesigned network, Greenbelt will be served by nine bus routes. Draft maps of routes, with their hours of operation and bus arrival intervals, are available through a link in the agenda packet for this worksession, accessed from the Municipal Access TV button on the city website at greenbeltmd.gov. The proposed routes, which resemble current Metrobus and TheBus routes (or combinations of them), are MD246, West Hyattsville – Greenbelt; MD249, Rhode Island Ave/Brentwood – Greenbelt; MD251, Laurel – Greenbelt; MD253, Greenbelt – Deanwood; MD348, Cherry Hill – Glenn Dale; MD349, Greenbelt – Bowie State; and MD350, MD351 and MD440, Greenbelt – New Carrollton. The draft route numbers may be temporary as the project team considers if alternative route names and numbers would make the bus system easier to understand.

Concerns Raised

Mayor Emmett Jordan expressed his concern that Greenbelt does not have 24-hour

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Safety Concerns, Behavior Dominate Board Meeting

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On June 8, Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) Board of Education held their first June meeting. The board, which usually holds a meeting once a month, will meet twice this month ahead of a six-week break.

Chair Judy Mickens-Murray (appointed, at-large) opened the meeting by acknowledging that June is gun violence awareness month and expressed concerns about school safety. The meeting came a day after the lengthy lockdown at Bowie High School for reports of a gunman (investigation revealed a student had been carrying an airsoft rifle, which is a replica that shoots non-lethal pellets, similar to a BB gun or paintball gun) and a month after the attempted murder of a 14-year-old student on a school bus. Student safety was a central topic for the meeting, of which a large portion was the public comment section.

Student Deaths

Ryan Reed, a 10th-grader at Dr. Henry Wise High School, highlighted the deaths of several of her fellow seniors at Wise. Her track teammate, Caylii Haygood, was killed in a car crash in March.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

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“If I asked any board member about Caylii, you wouldn’t be able to tell me anything,” said Reed. “If I asked you about Michael Nwaulu, Keith Wade, Kendall Batson or Angel it would all be more of the same. Death is prominent in this county,” she said as she named other Wise seniors who recently died. Nwaulu, 17, was shot and killed in a parking lot in March; Batson, 18, was shot and killed in a community center parking lot in May; Wade was shot and killed in another parking lot in March 2022. All were Wise students. Reed then drew the board’s attention to the lockdown at Bowie High School the day before.

“Kids are afraid to go to school because they wonder if today will be their last day,” said Reed, who called for safety measures including security guard resources and help for students struggling with mental health problems. “Kids are dying and nothing but a mention of grief counselors are provided for their friends ... You only provide resources for the kids after they have died,” she alleged. Several of her fellow Wise students will be going to summer school to try to graduate early because they are tired of school and don’t feel safe, she told the board.

Student Behavior

Shannon Reed, a county teacher (not related to Ryan Reed), spoke about the effect of disorder upon teachers and students.

On May 11 she had asked the board, during another public session, to “invest in people not products,” but that day, “after limited meaningful discussion,” they’d assigned four and a half million dollars to a Florida company to “support 300 dropouts,” she alleged. “PGCPS need to be internally strengthened so that thousands of students who are compromised – as is evidenced by MCAP scores, teacher retention and the violence in schools, among other things – can thrive.” Reed argued that PGCPS has spent large sums of money on educational software like Edgenuity and Achieve 3000, which she alleges aren’t working, while failing to address the root causes of problems. “This board must be willing to struggle with hard truths,” said Reed, as she went on to detail physical and verbal abuse and property destruction she’d suffered from students this year. “Too many students are out of control and members of the board refuse to see, hear and know the truth in order to do something about it,” said Reed. “Strength is rooted in truth.”

In recent meetings, including the community forums about the construction of new schools, some parents have argued for the installation of metal detectors in schools. This fall all PGCPS middle and high school students may be required to use clear backpacks (see article on page 1 of the June 22 News Review issue).

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access to D.C., particularly to train stations and airports, and has no bus connection to BWI Airport, following the loss of the B30 Metrobus several years ago. Councilmember Judith Davis, who sits on the board of the Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) of Central Maryland, asked about coordination with the RTA network.

Jordan asked a question posed by resident Michael Thompson, who noted that the first MD349 bus would likely depart Greenbelt Center at about 6:20 a.m., an hour later than the G12 and G14 currently do, and that Metrorail begins service at 5 a.m. but it is not possible to get there that early by bus. Resident Anna Socrates also expressed concerns about early-morning bus service connections to Metrorail and, from New Carrollton, to TheBus route to Upper Marlboro for those called for jury duty.

Jaime Fearer, assistant director of Greenbelt’s Planning and Community Development Department, noted that the proposed local service changes are generally positive, but there are some shortcomings in route coverage, including no direct service through the University of Maryland campus, no direct service to the Greenbelt Station neighborhood, less frequent direct service to Doctors Community Hospital and loss of service along Edmonston Road in the Franklin Park neighborhood. Also, only one route will serve Lakecrest

Drive/Lakeside Drive/Westway, with transfer – at Ridge Road and Southway – to another route necessary to reach New Carrollton. Jordan urged that the route transfer location be changed to Roosevelt Center to take advantage of the businesses and services there as well as the city-improved bus shelters.

Next Steps

The draft visionary network will be refined, taking into account the concerns of residents and others, including those raised in this worksession. The project team will interact more with local transit agencies/systems that have not been directly involved, and consider who will actually provide the service (e.g., Metrobus or TheBus). Stop locations and stopping patterns will be determined. The team aims to have the refined plan available for further public comment in 2024.

Implementing the plan will require an increase in funding of approximately 35 percent. Changes will be made in phases, as funding allows, starting in 2025.

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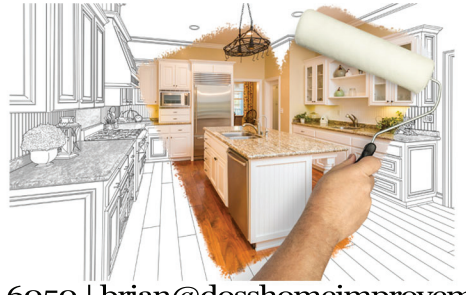
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Assault
On June 20 at 2:09 a.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, a fight broke out between two men.

Break in
On June 20 at 2:12 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a man broke into an office space and spent the night.

DUI Arrests
DUI arrests were made June 24 at 2:53 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive (in connection with a hit and run); June 24 at 3:07 a.m. near Southway Court; and June 25 at 8:41 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road.

Disorderly
On June 20 at 1:04 a.m. near 7900 Good Luck Road, the glass door of a freezer was accidentally broken by a customer.

Fraud
On June 25 near 9300 Edmonston Road, identity theft occurred.

Theft
On June 19 near 6200 Springhill Drive, a snack vending machine was vandalized and snacks were stolen. On June 21 near 6100 Springhill Terrace, a package was stolen.

Commercial theft occurred June 21 at 5:49 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road; June 23 at 2:24 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane; and June 24 at 7:59 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road.

Trespassing Arrest
On June 25 at 2:10 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, a man was arrested for trespassing after he had been banned from the property.

Vandalism
On June 23 near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a residence window was broken by a possible pellet fragment from a pellet gun.

Vehicle Crimes
Stolen Vehicles
Six vehicles were stolen, including a black 2015 Infiniti Q50 (MD plate: 6EA5654) on June 19 near 100 Westway; a 2021 white Hyundai Tucson (MD plate: 1EP5990) on June 20 near 7700 Hanover Parkway; a 2007 Ford E350 Van (MD plate: 4EB7542) on June 21 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace; on June 23, a gray 2016 Hyundai Sonata (MD plate: 5EZ9263) near Gardenway, a green Kia Soul (MD plate: 9CA7953) near 6900 Greenbelt Road; and a green 2015 Kia Soul (MD plate: TPP4152) on June 25 near 200 Lakeside Drive.

Vehicles Recovered
On June 19 near 200 Lakeside Drive, a stolen Hyundai Sonata was found with a window smashed and ignition damaged. On June 23 near 7200 Hanover Drive, a stolen car was tracked and found by GPS. On June 23 a stolen car was tracked by ONSTAR and recovered by Prince George's County Police in Hyattsville.

Attempted Vehicle Theft
On June 19 at 4:02 a.m. near Ridge Road, a witness reported a man on a bike pulling on car door handles; officers searched the area but did not locate the man.

Theft from Auto
On June 20 at 11:25 p.m. near Ridge Road, a doorbell camera showed two people rummaging through an unlocked car, but by the time officers arrived, the pair was gone.
On June 20 near 9200 Edmonston Road, steering wheel airbags were stolen from a 2018 Honda Civic, a 2020 Honda Civic, and two 2016 Honda Civics.

On June 22 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a 2004 Ford E350 Econoline had a door lock tampered with and the ignition switch missing.

On June 23 all four rims and tires were stolen from a Honda Accord near Ridge Road, and from a 2023 Honda Accord near 9300 Edmonston Road.

License plates were stolen on June 20 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace (rear); June 23 near 5400 Stream Bank Lane (front); and near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace (both plates).

Windows were broken and property stolen: on June 19 near 100 Westway from a Hyundai Santa Fe, a Kia Forte (rummaged through but nothing taken), and a Dodge Durango; on June 20 near 9300 Edmonston Road, and near Springhill Drive and Edmonston Road. On June 21 near 9100 Edmonston Court, a 2019 Kia Optima had a window broken; on June 23 near Ridge Road, a 2017 Hyundai Elantra had a window broken, nothing taken; near Ridge

Road, a 2012 Hyundai Sonata had a window broken, nothing taken, and a 2017 Ford Fusion had a window broken, nothing taken; near 9100 Edmonston Court, a Honda Accord had a window broken, nothing of value stolen. On June 24 near Parkway, a 2019 Dodge Durango was vandalized with a rock. On June 24 near 100 Westway, a Dodge Charger had a window broken. On June 25 near 7600 Greenbelt Road, a car window was broken and property stolen.

Non-English Speakers Robbed and Attacked

On June 23, at approximately 1:30 a.m., three males with masks, two armed with handguns, approached three men in front of a building in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace and demanded money. The victims did not understand the armed men due to a language barrier and were physically assaulted. After the assault they were robbed and personal property was stolen. The attackers then fled on foot.

Two of the victims sustained minor injuries and the third victim sustained significant but non-life-threatening injuries. If anyone has any information on this incident, contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.



Aud and Gignac Recognized



Officer Ryan Aud and Communications Specialist Sarah Gignac were recently recognized at the Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County Awards Ceremony as the Greenbelt Police Department Officer and Civilian of the Year for 2022. The police department statement expressed appreciation for their continued dedication to the Greenbelt community.

Traffic Officer Kipke Graduates

On Friday, June 9, Traffic Officer Abbey Kipke successfully completed the University of Maryland DUI Institute. Officer Kipke leads Greenbelt Police Department in DUI Arrests for 2023. A statement from the police department said Kipke "continues to build her wealth of knowledge to create a safe Greenbelt for all."



Traffic Officer Abbey Kipke

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Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on
July 6, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on May 18, 2023
- b) Member Financial Matters
- c) Consider Approval of the Following Two Contracts:
 - 2023 Contract for Replacing Roofs on Frame Units and Additions -2nd reading
 - Contract for the Replacement of Leaking Underground Copper Pipes at 3 Sites
- d) Member Complaint Matters

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of a Closed Board Meeting Held on July 6, 2023
- b) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on May 18, 2023
- c) Presentation by a Representative of the Office of Community Relations - Common Ownership Communities
- d) ARC Recommendation re: Choice of EPDM vs TPO Membranes for Flat Roofs
- e) Finance Committee's Recommendation re: Optional Maintenance Reserve Program for Split System Heat Pump Units
- f) Consider Items to be Discussed during a Work Session with the Greenbelt City Council on August 2, 2023
- g) Board Resolutions re: Signatures on Documents for Bank Accounts
- h) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on August 3, 2023
- i) Item of information: Status of the Pipe Repair and Refurbishment Pilot Program

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:
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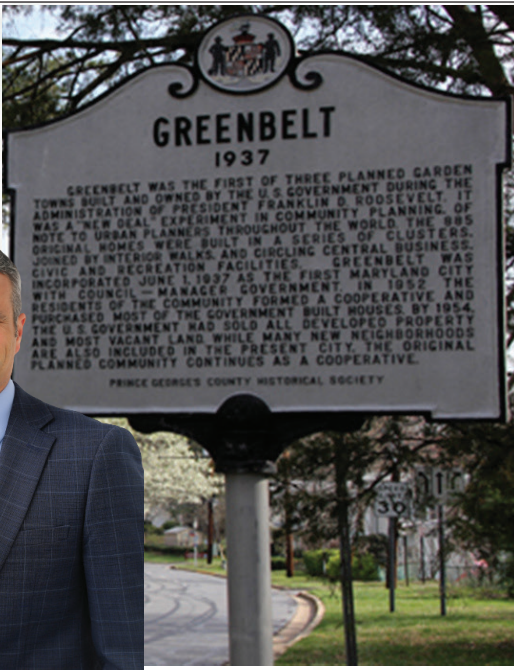


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Sports

Raider Soccer Players Continue Sport On Widely-spread College Campuses

by Patrick Gleason

Summer practices for all students interested in playing for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) girls soccer team this fall began on Monday, June 12. While current players are preparing for the fall season – soccer, volleyball, football and cross country all hold tryouts beginning Wednesday, August 9 – two recent Roosevelt graduates will soon join college soccer programs. Kamilla Yokley decided to play at Montgomery College, while Sarai DeSouza selected the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Though they will be playing far apart, their time in the Roosevelt soccer program keeps them connected.

After playing most of an impressive senior season on the left wing, DeSouza will return to outside back in Milwaukee. Not only is she returning to the position where she started her Roosevelt career, but she will retain the Raider mascot in Wisconsin. She chose Milwaukee over Alabama A&M and the University of Rochester and heads to school on August 24. Her understanding of the game and tenacity will serve her well as she acclimates to the rigor of college soccer. Though she will be joining the Raider defense, DeSouza adds an offensive flair from the back; she led Roosevelt with 12 goals this past season, none more memorable than her two long-distance strikes in a regular season victory over Bowie.

Meanwhile, Yokley decided to continue her athletic career after being invited to a practice with the Raptors this spring. She considered playing college soccer throughout her final two Roosevelt seasons, but waited to commit until the final month of her senior year. It's an opportunity for Yokley to continue playing a sport she loves, though she began her Roosevelt career with limited soccer experience as a freshman. Yokley scored an immaculate goal on a volley against Parkdale

in her first season and has exhibited remarkable growth each year since, serving as a junior varsity captain before ascending to varsity. She hopes to continue playing center offensive mid – where she uses exceptional field vision and unyielding patience to control game tempo – as she enters the next phase of her career.

The remainder of the ERHS girls soccer class of 2023 heads to an eclectic group of colleges this fall to further their studies. Julia Beckmann will attend the University of North Carolina, while Larissa Olson chose the University of Denver. Alexis Casey and Grace Zack will stay in state at the University of Maryland and Howard Community College. Finally, Azinwi McKinney chose Drexel University and Mia Hamilton chose Temple University – both schools in Philadelphia.

While these Roosevelt graduates transition to intercollegiate sports, a new group begins its own journey; all aspiring student-athletes can consult the ERHS website to contact the appropriate coach for practice and tryout details. The final school bell has sounded; however, the world of high school sports is heating up to complement the onset of summer – each day an opportunity for athletes to better themselves.



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Kamilla Yokley will play at Montgomery College this fall.

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Sarai DeSouza heads to Milwaukee School of Engineering's Raiders this fall.

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Good Soil Workshop Draws Keen Gardening Contingent

by Deb Daniel

On June 17, the CHEARS Growing Good Soil Workshop taught by Judy Walsh-Mellett was attended by 14 Greenbelt gardeners eager to learn about soil health. Under the fig and cherry trees in the Three Sisters Community Center Garden, Walsh-Mellett took gardeners through a hands-on presentation of the qualities of good soil (friable, not compacted), how to amend soil to be rich in nutrients and how to build new topsoil by composting and sheet mulching.

As Walsh-Mellett stated in the handout for the workshop, “A shift in orientation; think about growing good soil rather than growing food. When you grow good soil, you will be contributing to the good of the earth and our local community, and the great, healthy food will be a bonus. Building soil in your garden area is a process. It takes time and with attention to a few practices, it will grow better and better over time. Nature is our friend in this department.”

Walsh-Mellett was taught about caring for the earth by her father who created a wonderful garden at their Pennsylvania home which had previously been a strip mine. The garden was on a steep hill that was nothing but shale. Over time, her father terraced the land, brought in organic matter and buried his food scraps. When her dad died, Walsh-Mellett authored a poem called Clocks, Rocks and Roses about the “potatoes, planted by St. Patrick’s Day, peas, green onions, green beans ... tomatoes and berries.”

Vegetable Gardening

The participants first felt compacted clay soil that was almost as hard as a rock. To get that soil to be “friable” or “readily crumbled” requires building up soil by composting with plants which over generations have grown used to the soil and can thrive in that soil environment.

Amendments

Soil testing gives information on the pH level (acidity or alkalinity of the soil) and how many of the nutrients that plants need such as phosphorus (P), nitrogen (N), potassium or potash (K) are present. Plants usually like a pH of 6-7, which is neither too acid nor too alkaline. The University of Maryland (extension.umd.edu/resource/soil-testing-and-soil-testing-labs) recommends six labs that perform soil tests for gardeners (for a fee). Walsh-Mellett recommended the site growitbuildit.com for soil testing information. Participants discussed soil amendments like seaweed or kelp, rock phosphate, bonemeal, limestone, Azomite and green sand. Organic fertilizer can improve soil deficient in nutrients.

Composting

Compost happens as a natural process of the earth and is like a multivitamin for the soil. Walsh-Mellett showed the layers involved in composting – a roughage layer of brush, stalks or sticks for air circulation, topped by alternating brown layers like leaves and straw and green layers of vegetative matter, manure and food scraps which causes heat to cook the layers into soil.



PHOTO BY JOE ROBBINS

Judy Walsh-Mellett gives Greenbelt gardeners the lowdown on soil.

Sheet Mulching

Sheet mulching involves laying down a layer of cardboard (no labels or tape) on the ground or lawn where the garden will be planted. After wetting the cardboard, composting layers are added. The cardboard keeps grass and weeds from growing. If done in the fall, by spring the “lazy” bed of sheet mulching will be ready to plant.

Cover Crops

From the Workshop Handout by Walsh-Mellett

“Some cover crops will add nitrogen to the soil. This is the one element that is always depleted from the soil, so one wants to always be finding ways to add it back. (Clover, alfalfa, peas, beans, vetch: use an inoculant or rhizobium bacteria to help the plants fix the nitrogen in the soil.) Daikon radish can be used as a cover crop to pull minerals

from deep down in the soil... Cover crops, together with composting, is the easiest and best way to build soil. One is just assisting nature in what she does so well.”

Vermicomposting

The Worms Crawl In, The Worms Crawl Out from the Hearse Song describes worms forming rich soil from food scraps. Walsh-Mellett keeps a vermicomposting station in her house (about a foot and a half square) and brought the unit for display. Worms are fed food waste. Watermelon or cantaloupe are favorite worm foods for the red wigglers. Scraps of newspaper are also added to the bins of worms.

After thanking Walsh-Mellett for the informative and fun workshop on soil health, participants enjoyed dessert of cherries picked from the sour cherry tree.

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and Sacramento started holding Juneteenth events.

The audience was encouraged to listen to some of the oral histories of formerly enslaved Africans collected by the Federal Writers’ Project. Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938 contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of formerly enslaved people. These narratives were collected in the 1930s as part of the Federal Writers’ Project of the Works Progress Administration, later renamed Work Projects

Administration. Smith shared heart-wrenching memories as he quoted the words of formerly enslaved people. To access the interviews, visit loc.gov/collections/slave-narratives-from-the-federal-writers-project-1936-to-1938.

The lecture was sponsored by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, the Greenbelt Museum and Greenbelt Recreation and was filmed by Greenbelt Access Television.

Leeann Irwin is co-chair of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee.



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The crowd listens to the Real Juneteenth lecture.

Who Would You Nominate For 2023 Outstanding Citizen?

by Bob Zugby

With this year’s Greenbelt Labor Day Festival only 10 weeks away, volunteers on the Labor Day Festival Committee are working hard to prepare for the event. Since 1973 – 50 years ago – each Festival includes recognition of that year’s Outstanding Citizen.

Volunteerism is the essence of the Greenbelt community. The members on the committee that selects the Outstanding Citizen do not know everyone in town. In order to select an exceptional candidate, the committee will need nominations from across all areas of Greenbelt. Do you know someone who contributes greatly to our community?

Every successful nonprofit relies on a team of volunteers. Without volunteers, Greenbelt’s many cooperatives and programs could not function. Without dedicated citizens freely giving their time to the city’s advisory boards and committees, they would not function. Volunteers run many youth programs such as sports and scouting programs. Volunteers give their time to support

seniors in the community, providing rides to medical appointments and much more.

Nominate someone by completing the nomination form on page 8 and describe your nominee’s contributions to our community that improve Greenbelt organizations and neighborhoods. Nominations are due Monday, July 31. This year’s honoree will be the 49th since the award began in 1973. The honoree also serves as Grand Marshal of the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

Every Greenbelt resident knows someone who distinguishes themselves with exceptional volunteer service, often without the recognition they deserve. History indicates many of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizens were nominated several times before their selection. The committee counts on nominations from the public in order to be able to select the best candidate each year and to ensure Greenbelt’s civic traditions grow and flourish into the future.

Bob Zugby is the chair of the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee.

Project PB&J

On Wednesday, June 21, the Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Center in Greenbelt held Project PB&J. With the assistance of the Greenbelt Police Department, patients, staff and community members, the sports

medicine center created 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to donate to Shepherd’s Table, a nonprofit that serves meals to those experiencing hunger and homelessness.



- Photos courtesy Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Center

